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Serial No. 09/907,812) Art Unit: 2161
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For: COMPUTER-BASED SYSTEM AND)
METHOD FOR MONITORING THE)
PROFITABILITY OF A)
MANUFACTURING PLANT)

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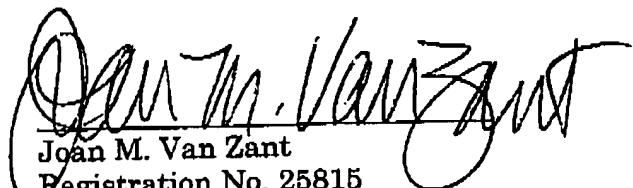
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